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(b) whether he has cancelled the elections conducted by him; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the cancellation?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) The elections said to have been conducted at the General Body Meeting of the Society held on 3rd February 1953 were set aside by the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies in his judicial capacity under Section 51 of the Co-operative Societies Act.

" (c) The reasons for setting aside the elections were:

(1) Non-members participated in the meeting.

(2) The last election was held in July 1952. The period of office of the Directors being two years, fresh elections cannot be held till July 1954 unless all the Directors resigned or the General Body removed them. The General Body did not remove the Directors nor did the Directors resign."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let us take 15 minutes more and finish the rest of the questions."

Masonry construction diverting waters between Sanjeevarayanipally tank and Udagalapally Nela in Hindupur.

* 1234 Q.—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state— 9-30 a.m.

(a) whether the Government have received a report from the Collector of Anantapur in the year 1952 as to a wrong masonry construction diverting the waters between Sanjeevarayanipally tank and Udagalapally Nela in the limits of Bevenehally in Hindupur taluk; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No; but on certain representations received in the matter, Government have called for a report. The report is awaited.

" (b) Does not arise."

Government Girls' Training School, Srikakulam.

* 1235 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether any memorandum was received by the Government from the Secretary, Mahila Sangham, Srikakulam, with a complaint against the regular harassment of students by the Headmistress of the Government Girls' Training School, Srikakulam; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government enquired into the complaint and found that it was baseless."

House for the staff of the Highways Office, Cuddapah.

* 1236 Q.—SRI V. CHIDANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received recently a petition from the clerks of the Highways Office, Cuddapah, requesting sanction for the construction of houses for them under the rural housing scheme ; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken on it?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The petition has been sent to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies who is examining the question of organizing a rural housing society at Chemmuniahpeta."

Rural Welfare Officers.

* 1237 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(a) whether all the Rural Welfare Officers are selected by the Public Service Commission ; and

(b) if so, the qualifications required for such Officers?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

Government Cinchona estates.

1238 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any Cinchona estates in the State under the State Government ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have enforced the Minimum Wages Act in these estates?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The Government own extensive areas of cinchona plantations on the Anamalais in the Coimbatore district and on the Nilgiris.

" (b) Yes. The minimum rates of wages have been given effect to from 25th March 1952."

Answer to a question regarding properties requisitioned by the Government.

* 1239 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the reason why my starred question No. 29, calling for particulars of properties